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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method of displaying telephone numbers ~~by a client computer, the method performed within the client computer and comprising:~~

in response to a user selecting a data unit for display, scanning a the data unit for telephone numbers

automatically identifying at least one the telephone numbers within the data unit

packaging an objects corresponding to the identified telephone numbers, wherein

the objects ~~are~~ is defined such that the telephone numbers ~~are~~ is activatable

~~the objects define attachments between displayed telephone numbers and~~

~~telephone call initiation functions~~ the object defines a function for sending a data trigger to a switch to initiate a telephone call

when the identified telephone numbers ~~are~~ is displayed as part of a displays of the data unit, causing the identified telephone numbers to have a display attribute which renders the identified telephone numbers conspicuous to a user.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The method of displaying telephone numbers of claim 1 wherein the method is performed as a consequence of an instruction to display the data unit.

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Claim 3 (Previously presented): The method of displaying telephone numbers of claim 1 wherein the data unit is part of a file, wherein only a portion of the file is displayable.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): The method of displaying telephone numbers of claim 1 wherein the data unit includes displayable text intermixed with non-displayable data.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of displaying telephone numbers of claim 1 further comprising detecting an activation instruction by the user of a displayed telephone number causing a telephone call to be initiated using the displayed telephone number.

Claim 6 (Presently amended): The method of displaying telephone numbers of claim 1 wherein the display attribute is selected from the group comprising: ~~comprises~~ a distinctive color, underlining, a distinctive font, highlighting on mouse roll-over, and a right-click menu.

Claim 7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Currently amended): The method of displaying ~~rendering~~ telephone numbers-as objects of claim 1 further comprising

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embedding the objects in the data units, the objects including a hooks for allowing initiation of telephone calls using the identified telephone numbers.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A client computer for displaying telephone numbers, the client computer comprising:

a user input device

a display device

a processor

a memory

wherein the processor and the memory comprise circuits and software for

in response to a user selecting a data unit for display, scanning a the data unit for telephone numbers before displaying the data units

automatically identifying at least one ~~the~~ telephone numbers within the data units

packaging an objects corresponding to the identified telephone numbers, wherein

the objects ~~are~~ is defined such that the telephone numbers ~~are~~ is activatable

~~the objects define attachments between displayed telephone numbers and~~

~~telephone call initiation functions~~ the object defines a function for sending a data trigger to a switch to initiate a telephone call

when the identified telephone numbers ~~are~~ is displayed as part of a displays of the data units, causing the identified telephone numbers to have a display attribute which renders the identified telephone numbers conspicuous to a user.

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Claim 13 (Previously presented): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12 further comprising

circuits and software for scanning the data unit as a consequence of an instruction to display the data unit.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12,

wherein the data unit is part of a file, wherein only a portion of the file is displayable.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12

wherein the data unit includes displayable text intermixed with non-displayable data.

Claim 16 (Original): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12 further comprising circuits and software for

detecting an activation instruction by the user of a displayed telephone number

causing a telephone call to be initiated using the displayed telephone number.

Claim 17 (Presently amended): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12,

wherein the display attribute is selected from the group comprising: comprises a distinctive color, underlining, a distinctive font, highlighting on mouse roll-over, and a right-click menu.

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Claim 18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Canceled)

Claim 20 (Canceled)

Claim 21 (Canceled)

Claim 22 (Presently amended): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12 further comprising

circuits and software for embedding the objects in the data unit, the objects including a hooks for allowing initiation of telephone calls using the telephone numbers.

Claim 23 (Presently amended): A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein operable in a processor for conspicuously displaying telephone numbers, the computer program comprising computer readable code for causing the processor to:

scan ~~the~~ a data units for telephone numbers
automatically identify ~~the~~ at least one telephone numbers within the data units
when the identified telephone numbers ~~are~~ is displayed as part of a displays of the data units, cause the identified telephone numbers to have a display attribute which renders the identified telephone numbers conspicuous to a user.

Claim 24 (Previously presented): The computer program product of claim 23 further comprising

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computer readable code for causing the processor to scan the data unit as a consequence of an instruction to display the data unit.

Claim 25 (Previously presented): The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the data unit is part of a file, wherein only a portion of the file is displayable.

Claim 26 (Previously presented): The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the data unit includes displayable text intermixed with non-displayable data.

Claim 27 (Original): The computer program product of claim 23 further comprising computer readable code for causing the processor to detect an activation instruction by the user of a displayed telephone number cause a telephone call to be initiated using the displayed telephone number.

Claim 28 (Currently amended): The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the display attribute is selected from the group comprising: comprises a distinctive color, underlining, a distinctive font, highlighting on mouse roll-over, and a right-click menu.

Claim 29 (Canceled)

Claim 30 (Canceled)

Claim 31 (Canceled)

Claim 32 (Canceled)

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Claim 33 (Currently amended): The computer program product of claim 23 further comprising computer readable code for causing the processor to embed the objects in the data unit, the objects including a hooks for allowing initiation of telephone calls using the telephone numbers.